

Will Rogers, Comedian, Has Thrown His Lariat Over New York's Stage

Story of a Cow-Puncher Whose Skill and Humor Have Made Him a Popular Figure—He Takes Himself Simply and Suggests What the "Boys" Out in Oklahoma Would Say About Him if He Appeared in His Home Town.

By Charles Darnott.

In his own simple way, Will Rogers has thrown a lariat over the New York stage. My first impulse was to call him a maverick actor. But there is nothing dishonest about him. He can be branded only as an American with a sense of humor that has a far-Western edge. Humor of this sort is to be treasured as a legacy, for it has the flavor of the soil that we love.

For one, I've always liked Will Rogers. At the same time I've won-

dered about him. How did he make his way to the stage with only a rope to guide him? His one bad habit is chewing gum. But he had no gum in his mouth when he talked with me yesterday, and he left a glass of beer flat. Without anything to smoke, in fact, he remarked:

"You boys have been awfully nice to me, but I can't figure it out at all." At the Lamb's Gambol, you may recall, he put Willie Collier to sleep in a battle of wits.

"Oh," said Mr. Rogers, running a hand through his hair, "I didn't mean to do anything in that show. I thought it was awfully good of the boys to let me into the thing. All I did was to sit there and wait for anything that might come my way."

"How did you make your way to the stage?" I asked.

"Well," he drawled, "that's a short story. I was born out in Oklahoma on a ranch, and my daddy tried to make something of me. But it was all no good. He sent me to one school and another, but I ran away from them, or got fired, so it was all the same in the long run."

Then he went on to tell the story of his strange, eventful life.

"I went to South America," he said, "and went broke. I then worked my way to South Africa on a cattle ship. Over there I struck 'Texas Jack,' who was making a lot of money with a 'Wild West' show. I asked him for a job driving stakes, but he said, 'You can ride and rope, and they're crazy about that sort of thing over here.' I thought I'd have to be a hundering to get into the show business, but I took a chance at it, and after that I went through Australia with Worth Brothers' Circus. I started out first class, but I worked nearly three years before I could make my way back home third class."

"It was in 1905, I think, that Col. Zack Mulhall brought a bunch of boys to the Horse Show in Madison Square Garden. Our main stunt was to rope a wild steer. Now, this steer got loose one night and ran right into the audience. It was up back of the band before we realized that a pinto seemed the next thing on the programme. I went after that steer and managed to hitch him to a post. It wasn't much of a stunt, but the audience felt comfortable when the rope was tied, and the evening passed smoothly."

"A boy who was with me," continued Mr. Rogers, "suggested that we go into vaudeville with a pony. Well, that was the first talking I ever did. We were on for the supper show at the Union Square Theatre, with everybody asleep, so we yelled to wake up the small audience. At that time I was catching both the horse and the rider with a rope. This trick was done so quickly that the manager of the theatre said I ought to explain what I was going to do before I did it. Well, I made a little talk at the next performance, but the people laughed so much that I was sore. I

AMUSEMENT STARS HERE NEXT WEEK



SIX DIVING BELLES
COLUMBIA

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IDA
DANCING
CARNIVAL

KATHERINE
HUTCHINSON
FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE

THE DANCING CARNIVAL
A PLACE OF BEAUTY

PROCTOR VAUDEVILLE
AND LOEW FEATURES

AT HERMAN, with his monologues, will be the feature, commencing Monday, at Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theatre. Others will be Arthur Edwards in a comedy skit, Quinn and Lafferty, comedians; the Lunette Sisters, and Mabel Burke in songs. Proctor's Twenty-third Street, Fifty-eighth Street and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Theatres will present vaudeville and motion pictures.

Loew's New York Theatre will have on its screen Monday and Tuesday "God's Man," in which H. B. Warner is featured. "Facts of Life," in "Rough House," will also be offered. On Wednesday Dorothy Phillips in "Facts of Life," will be shown, while "Hater of Men" and "The Voice on the Wire" will be offered on Thursday. "The Price of Pride" will be seen on Friday, and "The Broadway Story" on Saturday. Loew's American Roof will have "Low Cooper" in a new comedy skit entitled "Seventy Cents" as its main attraction, while "Facts of Life" will be "Congressman Kitty," Sidney Falk and Manning, Feeny and Knowles.

"FROCKS AND FRILLS" AT THE PALAIS ROYAL

Frank Fields, in an exhibition of lariat throwing has been added to "Frocks and Frills," the musical melange and fashion show at the Palais Royal. Other entertainers are Daisy Irving, prima donna; Charles De Haven, Lucille, Harry Delf, Anita Elson, Michio Ito and La Sylphie.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 22.—Dr. J. V. Piper, has left here for New Brunswick, N. J., in the custody of a detachment of New Jersey State Police at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

NEVER MISSED A HEAD.

Every Plate and Dish He Hurdled Found Its Mark.

There was another explosion at Black Tom, just outside Jersey City, today. Charley Hughes, six feet four and black the entire distance, went off with a series of loud reports following an all-night liquid shopping trip. Charley, one of several hundred negroes brought from the South to work on the construction of the Lehigh Valley Railroad piers, was separated from the payroll yesterday for failing to head down his wheelbarrow the night before. As Charley left the pier, his friends gave him the hoot.

To-day Charley returned to the big men taking in his head. He was hit by a pile of crockery, cups, plates, saucers and platters off his fellow Southerners. As Charley used to be a pitcher he hit every head he aimed at, the result being that many of his friends are now practically in the two men who were hit. Charley's friends invited him to participate in a crap game. Later in the day Charley paid \$5 for his ransom.

"Lot of money to waste on them blue guys, but it was worth it to see them shoot," said Charley.

Died Under It, Shall Be Buried Under It, Says Boy Soldier's Grandmother.

Only one policeman was on guard today at No. 123 Osborne Street, Brooklyn, the apartment house where the flag-draped body of Private Charles A. Cohen, Forty-seventh N. Y. N. G., awaits burial. Because of alleged threats by Anarchists and Socialists that they would tear the flag from the body, there was a riot call last night by the precinct of which the Cohen boy was only fourteen years old, but larger for his age. Cohen was a member of the guard did not find the situation serious, however, and it was deemed sufficient to leave one policeman on watch until the funeral. Mrs. Yette Cohen, grandmother of the boy-soldier, is said to have said:

"He was born under the flag," she said. "He enlisted under it, died under it, and shall be buried under it."

This is the first day of the Regular Army Week proclaimed by the President. He has called for 70,000 men to fill the ranks of the Regular Army. Greater New York must supply 2,500 men between eighteen and forty, 260 each day, for the campaign.

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THE NEWS

By Arthur ("Bugs") Baer.

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Delinquent ship building commission has the right idea. U boats can't sink a proposed riot.

America will make the world safe for Democracy. Chauncey Depew wants 'em to make it safe for us Republicans too.

Subway system is suffering from a malignant boil. It's a car bungle.

Mail order doctor in Connecticut pinched. Had a new way of curing toothache by parcel post. Rub the afflicted tooth with magical potion and it drives the pain up into the patient's hat. Take off your hat and you're cured.

German laden monkey absconded from inoculation laboratory carrying 6,700,466 germs with him. He will be charged with abduction and germ-snapping.

Boats of the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd will resume their schedule. Passenger accommodations can be secured on boats by enlisting in the U. S. Army, Navy or Marine Corps. Good eats and a chance to see Berlin.

The Red Cross is making almost as much headway here as the Double Cross is in Russia.

St. Paul has a recruit with fourteen bullet wounds in his system. A guy that well ventilated doesn't have to sleep with the window open.

Ex-King Constantine is in Switzerland. Sending coals to Newcastle and cheese to Switzerland.

Three ex-Kings are now in Switzerland. Those birds had better count their mountains.

Food riots will hardly break out in Broadway restaurants. Ain't any food to riot about.

Allice complains there is too much fraternizing in Russia. Nick Romanoff can't see it.

Correspondence regiment started by Seranton student includes a massed postcard attack on the Kaiser.

Cautious Minnesota man enlists in the submarine chasing department for service in his own State.

Price of eggs depends on whether you want them for omelets or good eggs.

Ghost of Mark Twain is writing a novel. That's the kind of folks the publishers like to pay royalties to.

British Government refuses to buy fifty million pounds of frapped and gentle poultry, and we will have to eat it ourselves. Thought those Britons were our allies.

Wise Germans warned the Kaiser not to get us mad, but the advice went in one ear and out the other. Nothing there to stop it.

The European situation won't look so bad over the top of a slice of New Jersey watermelon.

Csar has fallen. Constantine has fallen. Kaiser ain't fallen yet, but he's almost ripe.

Overcrowding in subway is fierce. When there are only one hundred people in each car they all feel like hermits.

Ten thousand more Armenians massacred. Returns of the Sultan's election still keep coming in.

Due to the shape of her coastline, Italy is called the Boot of Europe. That's what Austria is getting.

That \$2,000,000,000 loan proves that the general with the milled edge is the great tactician of the war.

Slacker claims that going to war ain't sanitary. Thoughtful Judge used his influence and slacker will now breathe antiseptic air filtered through a medicated set of bars.

GIRL IN LOVE TRIANGLE
MAY GET HER WISH TO DIE

Only a Slight Chance of Recovery, Miss Lusk's Physicians Announce To-Day.

Waukegan, Wis., June 22.—Excitement caused by being served with a warrant charging her with murder by telling the story of why she killed Mrs. David Roberts, Thursday, and then attempted suicide, seriously aggravated the condition of Miss Grace Lusk here to-day.

Physicians this morning announced that she had a slight chance of recovery. Miss Lusk has made no effort to rally.

"I want to die," she said. "There can be no mental or spiritual recovery, so why the physical?"

In relating further details of her conversation with Mrs. Roberts, just before the shooting, Miss Lusk said: "I told her that her husband loved me supremely and me only. She got up and said, 'Well, find out who's right about this. I'll call him up and see what he has to say.' From her talk with Dr. Roberts I got the impression that he had been deceiving his wife and possibly that he wasn't altogether true with me."

"It was more than I could bear and I decided to get my revolver and end it all."

WM. REDMOND MEMORIAL.

Irish League and Other Societies to Pay Tribute at Meeting.

A memorial for William M. K. Redmond will be held to-morrow night at the Casino Theatre, Broadway and Thirty-ninth Street, under the auspices of the United Irish League and Affiliated Societies. Redmond, a member of Parliament and brother of John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, died "at the front" fighting for humanity.

There will be many speakers at the memorial for the hero. John P. Child, President of St. Joseph's Seminary, and W. Bourke Cockran, Miss Marie Nardelli will sing. Justices John Ford and George W. Muller, Mayor Gen. O'Rourke, Lord and Lady Aberdeen, and John D. Crimmins are among those who will attend.

PHOTOPLAYS.

THE TEMPLE OF THE MOTION PICTURE

RIALTO

S. L. ROTHAPPEL
BROADWAY AT 42D ST.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

THE PARADE OF THE PACIFIC

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LAST CAMP CONTRACTS LET

New York Firms Get Annapolis and L. I. Campments.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—The War Department today awarded the three remaining contracts for campment camps.

The Annapolis Junction campment went to Smith, Hauser and M. J. McIsaac, New York City; Little Rock, Ark., to James Stewart & Co., Chicago; Yaphank, L. I., to the Thompson, Starrett Company, New York.

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POST TOASTIES
are wax-sealed to
keep them good!

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THEATRES.

Winter Garden

PASSING SHOW

LYRIC

MY LADY'S GLOVE

ASTOR

HIS LITTLE WIDOWS

BIJOU

THE KNIFE

PLAYHOUSE

THE MAN WHO CAME BACK

William Harris Jr. Presents

The 13th Chair

With Margaret Wycherly
By Bayard Veiller

MAXINE ELLIOTT'S

LOVE O' MIKE

CASINO

YOU'RE IN LOVE

PHINEAS

"OH, BOY"

WASHINGTON SQUARE

COMEDY

THE BRAT

CORT

UPSTAIRS AND DOWN

LONGACRE

EMPIRE

THE NEW YORK THEATRE

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